
Portage County's Older Population

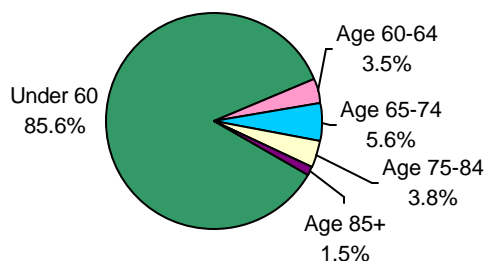
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Portage County is lower than that of the state as a whole (10.9% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (11.4% versus 7.9%). In all, 7,354 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 998 of these are age 85 or older. Portage County's average (or median) age is 33.0 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Portage County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	67,182		61,405		5,777	9.4%
Persons 60 and over	9,695	14.4%	8,745	14.2%	950	10.9%
Persons 65 and over	7,354	10.9%	6,603	10.8%	751	11.4%
Persons 85 and over	998	1.5%	720	1.2%	278	38.6%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Portage County Population in Each Group



Race:

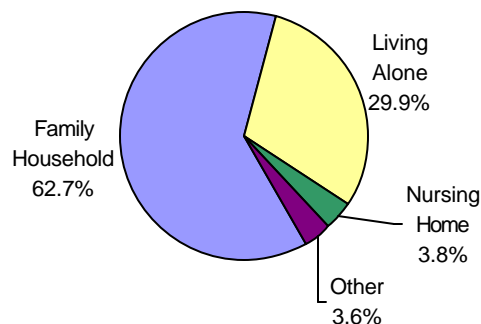
A large majority (99.0%) of Portage County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Portage County African Americans have a median age of 19.9 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.0 years. Whites, in contrast, average 33.9 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 25,040 households in Portage County, 5,111 include at least one person age 65 or older (20.4% of all households). A total of 4,753 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 79.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (62.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.9% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.3% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 282 people age 65 and older live in Portage County nursing homes (3.8% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Portage County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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